

Imperial Ordinance  
Relating to the  
Organization of the Ministry of Home Affairs

Article 1.

The Minister of Home Affairs shall supervise affairs concerning local administration, the election of members of legislative assemblies, police, public works, local planning, city planning, air defense, geography, publication, copy-rights, and colonization; and shall superintend the Superintendent-General of Metropolitan Police, the Governor-General of Hokkaido and the Prefectural Governors.

Article 2.

The Secretariat of the Minister shall take charge of affairs concerning awards of appreciation and the examination in general of administrative affairs under the jurisdiction of the Ministry, in addition to the affairs mentioned in the General Rules applicable to all Ministries.

Article 3.

The prescribed number of full-time Ministry of Home Affairs Senior Secretaries shall be 15.

Article 4.

There shall be instituted in the Ministry of Home Affairs the following four Bureaus:

Local Affairs Bureau.  
Police and Public Order Bureau.  
National Land Bureau.  
Air Defense Bureau.

Article 5.

The Local Affairs Bureau shall take charge of the following affairs:

1. Matters concerning the election of members of legislative assemblies.
2. Matters concerning the system of Public Associations, and also concerning other administrative affairs in general, in Prefectures, Cities, Towns and Villages.
3. Matters concerning the finance of Public Associations, and also concerning other economic affairs, in Prefectures, Cities, Towns and Villages.
4. Matters concerning conscription and requisition.
5. Matters concerning forests, fields and colonization in Hokkaido; and such other matters concerning Hokkaido as do not pertain to the competency of the other Bureaus.

Article 6.

The Police and Public Order Bureau shall take charge of the following affairs:

1. Matters concerning Administrative Police.
2. Matters concerning High Police
3. Matters concerning the publication of books and copyrights.

Article 7.

The National Land Bureau shall take charge of the following affairs:

1. Matters concerning local planning and city planning.
2. Matters concerning public works under the direct supervision of the Ministry.
3. Matters concerning public works managed by the Prefectures and other public works.
4. Matters concerning expenditure on works under the direct supervision of the Ministry, and subsidies in respect of other public works expenditure.
5. Matters concerning the special permission and superintendence of railroads.
6. Matters concerning rivers, roads, harbors and bays, and precautions against sandstorms.
7. Matters concerning public-owned waters and water-courses.
8. Matters concerning the expropriation of land.

Article 8.

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Article 9.

The Air Defense Bureau shall take charge of affairs concerning air defense.

Article 10.

There shall be instituted in the Ministry of Home Affairs 22 full-time Home Affairs Junior Secretaries and eight full-time Home Affairs Clerk-Secretaries. They shall be of "Sonin" Rank. They shall, under the instructions of their superiors, engage in the affairs assigned to them.

Article 11.

There shall be instituted in the Ministry of Home Affairs three full-time Inspectors. They shall be of "Sonin" Rank, pro-

vided that one of them may be accorded "Chokunin" Rank. They shall, under the instructions of their superiors, take charge of affairs concerning the inspection of local administrative and financial affairs.

Article 11 (Second).

There shall be instituted in the Ministry of Home Affairs two full-time Censors. They shall be of "Sonin" Rank. They shall, under the instructions of their superiors, take charge of affairs concerning the censorship of publications and other matters.

Article 12.

There shall be instituted in the Ministry of Home Affairs 25 full-time Secretary-Technicians. Two of them may be accorded "Chokunin" Rank.

There shall be instituted in the Ministry of Home Affairs full-time Clerks and Clerk-Technicians, together numbering 247.

Article 12 (Second).

The Minister of Home Affairs may, as necessity may require, institute Public Works Sub-Offices or Public Works Laboratories and place them respectively in charge of affairs concerning public works under the direct supervision of the Ministry, and also concerning researches and experiments and other matters relating to rivers, roads and precautions against sandstorms.

There shall be the Chiefs of the Public Works Sub-Offices or of the Public Works Laboratories, and Secretary-Technicians shall be assigned to these posts.

Article 12 (Third).

There shall be instituted in the Ministry of Home Affairs the Technical Committee Members, and they shall engage in the conduct of researches concerning technical matters relating to air defense.

The Technical Committee Members shall, upon recommendation by the Minister of Home Affairs to the Emperor, be appointed by the Cabinet from among recognized persons of learning and experience.

The term of office of the Technical Committee Members shall be two years; provided that this does not preclude, in case there is special reason, their release from office in the course of the said term.

Article 12 (Fourth)

There shall be instituted in the Ministry of Home Affairs the Air Defense Laboratory, and the said Laboratory shall take charge of affairs concerning researches and lectures relating to air defense, and also concerning the examination and authorization of air-defense supplies.

There shall be the Chief of the Air Defense Laboratory, and a Secretary-Technician shall be assigned to this post.

Supplementary Provisions

Article 13.

The present Ordinance shall come into force on November 1st, 1898.

The Imperial Ordinance relating to the Organization of the Taiwan Affairs Bureau and the Imperial Ordinance No. 66, 1894, shall cease to be in force on the date of promulgation of the present Ordinance.

The undersigned hereby certifies that this is the accurate and exact translation of the Japanese Original attached hereto.

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